

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for review of the present application. Claims 1-12 and 16-21 are now pending in the present application. Applicant notes with appreciation the indication that Claims 16-17 present allowable subject matter.

The final Official Action of January 16, 2008, rejects Claims 1-12 and 18-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,789,215 to Rupp (hereinafter "the Rupp patent").

Applicant has amended Claims 1, 5, 9, and 12 and provides the following remarks in response to the rejections set forth in the Office Action.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

The Office Action rejects Claims 1-12 and 18-21 under § 102(e) as being anticipated by the Rupp patent. Applicant presently amends independent Claims 1, 5, 9, and 12 to more fully and expressly recite the subject matter of cancelled Claim 15, previously indicated as presenting allowable subject matter. The prior amendments to these claims intended to incorporate the same limitation, but using different language and in a different manner. The present amendments to these claims expressly recites the identical limitation of Claim 15, except that "said routines" has been changed in Claims 1, 5, and 9 to "said at least one troubleshooting routine" to correspond for purposes of antecedent basis. Accordingly, for at least the reasons why Claim 15 presented allowable subject matter, Applicant submits that Claims 1, 5, 9 and 12, as amended, now also each present allowable subject matter and that such claims are in a condition for allowance. Applicant submits that the present amendments overcome the § 102(e) rejections and that pending Claims 1-12 and 16-21 are in a condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the remarks presented above, Applicant submits that all of the pending Claims 1 - 21 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, entry of the allowance of the application is respectfully requested. In order to expedite the examination of the present application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney in order to resolve any remaining issues.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper, such as the fees for a request for an extension of time. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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